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1. USUN REQUESTED TO CONSULT SOONEST WITH UKUN AND FRENCH MISSION WITH A VIEW TO TAKING FURTHER STEPS TOWARDS U.S. PARTICIPATION IN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR CHARTER REVIEW AND DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR ACTION WITHIN THAT COMMITTEE WHEN IT MEETS IN JULY.

2. WITH UKUN, MISSION SHOULD STATE THAT DEPARTMENT FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD PARTICIPATION ON AD HOC COMMITTEE PROVIDED UK, FRENCH AND SOVIETS LIKEWISE INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE (WE EXPECT THAT CHICOMS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.) YOU SHOULD STATE THAT IT OUR INTENTION TO INFORM WEO GROUP AT LATER DATE THAT WE ARE CANDIDATE FOR COMMITTEE, IF WE CAN OBTAIN REASONABLE ASSURANCES THAT FRENCH AND SOVIETS
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ALSO PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE, AS WE UNDERSTAND UK IS; IF

THIS DID NOT TURN OUT TO BE THE CASE, WE WOULD WANT TO REVIEW QUESTION OUR PARTICIPATION.

3. MISSION SHOULD STATE THAT PRELIMINARY DEPARTMENT THINKING ON PARTICIPATION IS TO (A) PUT PRIMARY FOCUS ON DEVELOPING, TOGETHER WITH LIKE-MINDED STATES SERVING

ON COMMITTEE, PRACTICAL PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVED OPERATION OF BODIES WITHIN UN SYSTEM WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE CHARTER AMENDMENT;

-- (B) DEVELOP COUNTER-STRATEGIES AND REASONABLE COUNTER-PROPOSALS RE UNHELPFUL OR UNFEASIBLE CHARTER AMENDMENTS WHICH WE EXPECT OTHERS TO MAKE; (C) CONSIDER STRATEGY FOR AVOIDING MAKING COMMITTEE THE FOCUS FOR DISCUSSION OF STILL UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF PEACEKEEPING GUIDELINES, WHICH IS IN OUR VIEW PROPERLY SUBJECT FOR COMMITTEE OF 33 OR FOR CONTINUED QUIET CONSULTATIONS AMONG PERMANENT SC MEMBERS.

4. IN SUM, WE WOULD HOPE, ALONG WITH UK AND FRANCE, TO MOUNT PARTICIPATION IN CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD (A) NOT APPEAR UNDULY UNSYMPATHETIC TO THIRD WORLD AND OTHER PROPONENTS OF CHARTER REFORM, BUT (B) DEFEND OUR OWN INTERESTS AND AUTHORITY IN SC AND ELSEWHERE IN UN SYSTEM, AS WELL AS OUR VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE IN PROCESS TO BE ABLE TO COOPERATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH THE SOVIETS, WITHOUT SACRIFICING OUR JUDGMENTS OF THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTEREST, WHILE AVOIDING POLEMICS WITH CHINESE--IN ALL, A BIG ORDER.

5. MISSION SHOULD STATE THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN UK REACTION TO THIS GENERAL STRATEGY. IF US, UK AND FRENCH REACH GENERAL ACCORD, WE WOULD HOPE TO CONSULT WITH THEM AND WITH OTHERS IN GREATER DETAIL AT LATER STAGE REGARDING (A) SPECIFIC PROPOSALS UNDER EACH OF THESE HEADINGS, AND (B) STRATEGY FOR BROADER CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO MAY 31 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF IDEAS FOR CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.

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6. MISSION SHOULD ALSO CONSULT WITH FRENCH MISSION STATING THAT WE ARE INCLINED TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE BUT WISH TO KNOW DEFINITIVE FRENCH INTENTIONS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO SOUND OUT FRENCH ON MATERIAL OUTLINED IN FOREGOING PARAS UNTIL WE HAVE BRITISH REACTION.

7. CURRENT USUN ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET AND CHINESE

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